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WAVING from train as they left Kornwestheim, Germany, for Bruchhausen where they boarded ship for Canada, are members of the first group of 11 Czechs from the trainload that ran the gaunt-

let through the Iron Curtain from Czechoslovakia to West Germany recently. There are seven men and four women in the group who have been accepted by Canada as future citizens.

## FIRE BRIGADE ANSWERS FIRST CALL

CROSSFIELD — Exactly six minutes after the fire alarm was sounded at 7:35 the local fire

### Shower Fetes Bride

CROSSFIELD—A lovely miscellaneous shower, open to all, was held in the United Church parlor on Nov. 7 at 8:30 p.m., at which Madlin Snyder, now Mrs. Beebe, was the guest of honor, seated under a canopy of wedding bells and festive white and yellow streamers. Two little children, Mary-Lou Stevens and Kenny Murdoch, presented the gifts in basket trimmed in herringbone color scheme and drawn in on a little wagon. Madlin was assisted with the opening of her gifts by Miss Eleanor Borbridge and Miss M. Beebe, sister of the groom. After the last gift was opened the bride-elect thanked all those present and a special thanks to the conveners, Mesdames Edlund, Borbridge, Wood, Murdoch, High and Stevens, and their assistants.

Sharing honors at the tea urns at a most attractive table graced with silver and autumn-toned flowers, were the bride's mother, Mrs. Len Snyder, and the groom's sister, Miss M. Beebe.

A very delicious lunch was served and enjoyed by all present, and the best wishes of all went to the happy couple.

### Inverlea Ladies' Club Donate \$25

The W.A. of United Church held its regular meeting in the church parlor on Tuesday, Nov. 13. They were very pleased to receive a donation of \$25 from the Inverlea Ladies' Club.

Mrs. Fox presided at the meeting and the devotion was in the capable hands of Mrs. W. A. Hurt. Mrs. Clarence Richardson conducted the missionary work. The main business was a carpet for the choir loft and it is hoped in the near future, through the efforts of the two W.A.'s, to lay a Rambo covering. This will cost in the neighborhood of \$240, but it is high time the job was done, as the other carpet has had well over 40 years of service.

All plans were made for the bazaar and sale of home cooking and tea on the 17th. A very tasty lunch was served by Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Edlund.

brigade was on its way to the farm of John Raw, two miles south on the highway. A neighbor turned in the alarm and a number of the boys, including Murray and Gerald Hurt, who were attending church service, were first on the scene. Wm. Gilson rushed from the Community Hall, opened the doors and flashed on the lights.

When they arrived at the scene of the fire it was to find a barn, containing a number of hogs, fully ablaze with no hope of saving the building. The fire was kept localized and no other buildings were destroyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Raw and family were away at the time and the blaze was not seen soon enough to help. A few hogs were saved but the sow, which rooted over a brooder sate, after she had jumped out of her pen, perished with her brood together with a number of other young pigs.

### Beebe-Snyder Nuptials

Crossfield United Church was the scene of a very pretty wedding at 4 p.m., Friday, Nov. 16, when Madlin Jean Snyder, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Len Snyder, Crossfield, and Percy Leo Beebe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Beebe, Calgary, were united in marriage.

The double ring ceremony was performed before an altar flanked with bronze and white carnations and fern. Rev. J. E. Ball officiated.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride looked charming in a white satin gown designed with Chantilly lace yoke and rows of self-covered buttons back and front, the full skirt folded into a train. The three-quarter length veil was held in place by a coronet of seed pearls. The bride wore a pendant and earrings of rhine stones, the gift of the groom, and carried a bouquet of roses and gardenias.

The bride's attendants were Miss Eleanor Borbridge, attired in pink taffeta and carrying a bouquet of blue carnations, and the bride's sister, Miss Lennie Snyder, groomed in a frosted blue organdie and carrying pink carnations. Little Judy Snyder, niece of the bride, groomed in yellow taffeta and carrying a nosegay of pink and yellow roses, was the flower girl.

Howard Beebe, brother of the

### Sunday School Superintendent Speaks At Conference

Mrs. Wilda Charney, Sunday School superintendent of the United Church, Crossfield, attended the Christian Educational Conference, sponsored by the Religious Educational Council held in the Grace Presbyterian Church, Calgary, at which session she was asked to lecture.

Mrs. Charney, whose work among the young folk is untiring, spoke on "The Value of Visual Aid in Sunday School." The address was inspirational and very valuable information was gleaned from it as her work among the young folk has instilled a deep knowledge and understanding of youth.

### Helped Build United Church; Dies At 95

CROSSFIELD—The district is deeply grieved to report the death of Robert Colling at Chilliwack on November 3 in his 95 year. He leaves his two daughters, Mrs. Archie Knox, Mrs. Swan (Louise) and son, Walter.

The late Mr. Colling was supervisor in the building of the Crossfield United Church well over forty years ago and many country homes were fashioned by his hands. During his life in this district he was well known and greatly respected as was the entire family.

groom was the best man and Mr. Eddie Snyder and Mr. Clint Patton were the ushers.

During the signing of the Register, Mrs. Keith Bannister sang "Because" accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Mike Charney.

A reception was held in the Memorial Hall, at which Mr. John Van Maanen acted as toastmaster; Mr. Ken Borbridge proposed the toast to the bride, to which the groom responded.

Mr. Jim Baxter proposed the toast to the groom and Mr. A. Gibson of Carstairs an old friend of the family, proposed a toast to the young couple.

The bride's table was beautiful with a three-tiered wedding cake the centre of attraction, flanked with cut flowers and lighted tapers.

A dance was held later in the evening, after which the young

## CROSSFIELD AND DISTRICT NEWS

Miss Maggie High, Red Deer, old timer of the Sunshine Crossfield district, and sister of Mrs. Sam Flemming, spent the long week-end with the Flemmings and renewed old acquaintances at the United Church Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 17.

Mrs. Walter Lilley and small daughter Carolyn have recently returned from a weeks visit with the former's parents and family. Those who remember Archie and Edna Knox and son will be interested to know that they have sold their store in Chilliwack after 30 years and have set up business on Vancouver Island.

Mrs. Walter Colling is teaching at Albert Bay and Walter Colling is night watchman at the same Indian School at which his wife teaches.

The Crossfield Garden Club girls won 2nd prize in the Dominion Competitions last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Brook Campbell of the local Bank of Commerce have had as their guests the former's Aunt and Uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Campbell of Youngstown together with Mrs. Campbell, Sr., mother of the local bank manager. Rev. and Mrs. Ball are rejoicing over the birth of their first grandson, born to their daughter, Mrs. Pfohl, who has been visiting her parents. Mrs. Pfohl is doing nicely in a Calgary hospital.

Well over \$300.00 was realized at the bazaar and bake sale of the Sr. W.A. of the United Church and the C.G.L.T. is under leadership of Mesdames Campbell and Becker.

A most appreciative thanks is extended to all for patronage and for assistance received.

Miss Eleanor Borbridge spent the week end in Crossfield. Don't forget to attend the Old Timer's Round-Up on November 23. The C.W.L. is in charge of the banquet.

The Ray Little show and dance was well attended.

Over a dozen residents of Crossfield were at the train in Calgary Sunday night to say "God's speed" to the Bell family, who left for South Africa after

being somewhat delayed in passing the dock strike. They now sail on the 23rd of November. Mrs. Dewey Casey's father, Mr. H. S. Knight, who has acquired many friends during his yearly visits at the Casey home, Crossfield, is progressing favorably in Jubilee Hospital, Victoria, but will have to be there for some time yet. It will be remembered that during his summer visit he was rushed home to Victoria by plane on account of ill health.

Mr. Earl Richardson must be made of good stuff: He is doing well after having his thumb taken off in a power, take-off whilst fencing.

The Afternoon Bridge Club resumed its weekly schedule and had for its hostess on Wednesday, Nov. 14, Mrs. Jack Hesketh. Top scores went to Mrs. C. Fox and Mrs. B. Lilley. A delicious lunch and a pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all.

The Stork Bridge Club enjoyed a pleasant session at cards at the home of Mrs. Geo. McDonald with honors shared by Mrs. Mason and Mrs. Wylie. A tasty lunch was enjoyed.

The Masons met in their hall on Tuesday, Nov. 13, after two months without a meeting.

The CGIT met at the home of their leader, Mrs. Brock Campbell, on Tuesday, Nov. 13.

### Airdrie Bridge Tournament

The bridge fans in Airdrie, unable to collect enough players in the busy season for a four-night tournament, sponsored a single night session on Monday, Nov. 19, and extended an invitation to the Crossfield fans. There were eleven tables in play with five changes.

Five couples attended from Crossfield, with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hesketh bringing home the prize for the "highest score". The "highest difference" went to Mr. and Mrs. Chapman of Airdrie. Other Crossfielders who attended were Mrs. Dewey Casey, Mrs. Jean Stevens, A. Edlund, B. Lilley, Brock Campbell, E. Sharp and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Fraser.



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Almost immediately he was back. "A chisel and mallet, quickly," he demanded.

The distraught husband could stand it no longer. "For Heaven's sake, doctor," he begged, "what's the matter with my wife?"

"Don't know yet," was the reply; "can't get my medicine bag open."

### Now She Knows

"I: this the speedometer?" asked the pretty girl, tapping the glass with her finger.

"Yes, dear," he replied.

"And that's the clutch?"

"That's the clutch, darling," he said, jamming on his brakes to avoid a fast approaching truck.

"But what on earth is this?" she inquired at the same time giving the accelerator a vigorous push with her foot.

"This, dear," he said, in a soft celestial voice, "is Heaven." And picking up a harp he flew away.

### Tough on Men

Life is cruel to men. When they're born, their mothers get compliments and flowers; when they get married, the bride gets

presents and publicity; and when they die, their wives get the insurance and the winters in Florida.

### By Himself

The class had been given a rather difficult sum to do for homework and, strange to relate, Tommy, the dunce of the class, was the only one with the correct answer.

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## ERGOT—Infestation of Grain

By D.A., Three Hills, Alta.

Ergot infestation in grain has been increasing in recent years. It is especially evident in rye crops. It also infects grasses, including brome grass, couch grass and the wheat grasses. Wheat and barley are also susceptible. Some barley fields, on stubble, were badly infested this year. Inquiries regarding feeding livestock with barley containing ergot makes it necessary to mention the danger of feeding grain containing ergot.

Grain is designated as "ergoty" when it contains more than 0.3% by weight of the ergoty bodies. The reason for making this percentage so low is because ergot contains toxins which are poisonous to both humans and livestock.

Continual feeding of grain with small amounts of ergot will affect the blood vessels. It will also cause a restriction of milk flow in dairy cows and in severe cases abortion. Bread made from grain containing ergot has caused death and serious illness.

Ergot is conspicuous in ripe grain, both in the standing crop and in the threshed grain. The large purplish-black, horn-like bodies, grow on the heads of grain in the place of normal kernels. These ergot bodies contain winter spores and fungus starch. These may fall on the ground or be stored with threshed grain and remain dormant through the winter.

Under warm, moist conditions in the spring, provided they are not buried below two inches in the ground, the ergot will grow and produce spores. These are carried to grasses or grains which are susceptible. The ergot spores can only attack grasses and grains when they are in the flowering stage. The spores make entry through the flower. The fungus growth destroys the kernel and secretes a sugary liquid which is attractive to insects. This is called the "honeydew" stage. Summer spores are contained in this secretion and are carried by insects to the flowering heads of other grasses and grains. This results in a rapid spread of the infection, such as has occurred in some fields the past season.

Some of the larger ergot bodies can be separated from grain in a suitable screen cleaning equipment. Local tests have failed to get the ergot out of barley. There are always broken pieces, the same size as the grain, which will not come out in a cleaning process. When this quantity is over 0.3% the grain is not safe to feed to livestock.

Crop rotation is one of the best methods of controlling ergot. The ergot bodies normally do not remain capable of reproduction more than one year. Good seed, free from impurities and disease, always pays. Susceptible grasses on road allowances or in pasture adjacent to the grain crop should be cut before it reaches the flow-

ering stage. This will prevent the spread of the ergot spores from the grass to the grain. Stubble land, from which ergoty grain has been harvested, should be worked to a depth of at least four inches. Ergot bodies buried to a sufficient depth will be unable to germinate. Where there is an infestation of ergot in the soil resistant or immune crops should be grown.

## Toronto Royal Fair Award Come To Alberta

Results of the judging in the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto reveal that a good number of prizes are coming to Alberta.

Joanne Copley of Airdrie won second prize in the garden competition, along with Margaret Banta of Crossfield. They scored 899 points out of a possible 1,050. In the dairy cattle Pickard and

Clark of Carstairs won first prize in the senior heifer calf class with "Acme Laura Rockette," a Holstein.

In the junior heifer calf class they won third prize with "Acme Tidy Rockette."

Pickard and Clark also won third prize in the junior Holstein herd class.

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In Witness Whereof Our Governor General of Canada hath caused his hand and Seal to be set to these Presents at Our Government House, in the City of Ottawa this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and \_\_\_\_\_ and in the \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Our Reign

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## EDITORIALS

### Middle East Debt to Britain

Much is being made of Britain's faults in anti-British publications in the United States and countries behind the Iron Curtain of Soviet domination. British colonial policy over the past years is pictured as cruel and selfish, which is a deliberate misrepresentation. Whatever faults individual governors of British colonies have been guilty of in past decades, the policy of Britain has been beneficial to the backward countries it has ruled.

British policy has been one of gradual preparation for self-government of native peoples wherever the flag has been flown. That is why India received her independence, why the great dominions of the Commonwealth have been created out of former colonies. The same thing is true in the Middle East, where British industry, engineering skill and governmental genius has had sway.

Today Persia, known as Iran, is taking advantage of the difficulties under which Britain is laboring, by claiming her right to her national resources. While such a claim is within the national rights of Iran, it should not be forgotten by critics of British policy that Iran owes a tremendous debt to Britain for the development of these latent resources. Iran could not and never would develop them alone.

Another country that owes Britain a great debt of gratitude is Egypt. It was under British approval and help that Egypt won her liberation from the enslavement of the Turkish empire, and since that day it has been British wealth and engineering enterprise that has developed Egypt's independence. If the Sudan today is a prize for Egypt to covet, it is because British gold, blood and labor has made of a desert country a prosperous and contented people.

Monuments to British colonial policy and its great benefits are there for the world to see. In the Sudan at the Upper Nile town of Assuan, where the great Assuan dam is located. Built by British engineers and completed in 1902 at a cost of 25,560-million dollars, this dam, with its capacity of 2,420-million cubic metres, holds the waters of the Upper Nile back until flood time comes round when vast territories of barren land are made fruitful by its 180 sluice gates being opened.

Well might the greedy and inefficient Egyptian government covet control of the Sudan. But the Sudanese themselves, who finally ended their hatred of Britain at the Battle of Atbara in 1898, when Lord Kitchener avenged the murder of General Gordon by the Dervishes, are opposed to the Egyptian rule and enjoy the prosperity of British rule, which will soon end, they know, in self-government and nationhood.

### What Is Free Enterprise?

The Alberta Wheat Pool, in their November 9th news budget, pans the Canadian Chamber of Commerce on its preaching for continuance of "free enterprise" in Canada. It suggests the member give the people of Canada a clear definition of free enterprise. Whether one agrees with the Wheat Pool's arguments or not, points raised do merit serious thought.

Does free enterprise mean that the match manufacturers, the bakers, the glass companies, optical manufacturers, and other such people are justified in getting together to maintain monopoly prices?

Does it mean the manufacturer can fix the retail price for his product and compel a local merchant to sell his goods not below such a level, with a penalty of non-supply if such a price is not maintained?

Does it mean that a professional man in one Canadian province cannot practice in another without paying an exorbitant fee and undergoing another examination?

Does it mean that Canadian cotton goods manufacturers, for instance, must have high tariff protection in order to stay in business?

Does it mean that the Canadian branch of an American automobile manufacturing company must obtain a higher price for a product manufactured in Windsor, Ontario, than is obtained by the same company for a product manufactured across the river in Detroit?

Wasn't it Socrates who used to insist on his opponents in debate "defining their terms"?

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce certainly should give an explicit definition of what it means by "free enterprise."

### Churchill's Heavy Task

The new British government, headed by Winston Churchill, has stepped into one of the most difficult positions to confront any government. Its task is all the more difficult because of the fact that its over-all majority in parliament is only a little bigger than that of the former Labor government had. There are things to be accomplished that only a determined and strong government can do. Some things will have to be dealt with more tenderly than a government with a big majority would need to demonstrate.

Some idea of the problems before the Churchill cabinet may be gathered from a survey of the headlines in the daily press. They include such statements as: Narrow Churchill Majority Leaves Britain Uncertain; Churchill Victory Demands Care in U.K. Relations With U.S.; British Division Sails For Middle East; Iran Dispute to Come Before U.N.—and, if these are not enough, a glimpse at the internal difficulties in British national life should convince everyone that Churchill has taken over a tremendously heavy task.

### More Hatching Eggs Needed

The demand in Alberta for baby chicks this past season far exceeded the supply and it looks as though the 1952 spring hatching season will bring even greater demands. There is a shortage of Alberta-produced hatching eggs, and in spite of high commercial egg price producers can get still higher returns from their eggs by producing hatching eggs.

According to F. J. Higginson, Acting Poultry Commissioner for Alberta, more producers with high quality flocks should consider getting them approved. Requirements consist mainly of efficient management and differ very little from practices that should be followed by all egg producers.

Alberta needs more hatching eggs—and Alberta farmers and poultrymen should produce them.

### A Power in Everyday Life

All of us have heard, from time to time, that soldiers and sailors, in the face of death in the service of their country, have meekly turned to God, seeking help from their Creator in the hour of their agonizing need.

Many of these men have not been actively connected with religious organizations. Obviously, so far as they were concerned, the church meant little or nothing. Apparently, there is an opportunity for church leaders to do a little thinking on their own on the why of this attitude.

Why should an individual have to face death and suffering to experience the power of salvation? Plainly, because no one has made plain to him, or her, the full meaning of religion as a source of constant power in everyday living.

### The Bible Today:

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form and void and darkness covered the face of the deep.—Genesis 1, 1 and 2.

### Note and Comment

A unique tribute paid to Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip by the Fourth Estate is the Royal Visit issue of the Sapperton (B.C.) Review. Two pages—front and back—are printed in Royal Purple ink and a special message is inset in gold. We think Publisher Wm. McCafferty should mail a copy of his paper to Clarence House.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has just received a 20-page letter in which the writer went into a long dissertation on the relationship between crime and the seasons of the year.

The writer said he knew Mr. Hoover would appreciate knowing of his theories on crime.

"You may not be able to find the time to reply to me," he wrote, "but you will continue to hear from me because I have nothing else to do in this place."

The return address was that of Washington's largest mental institution.

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We know talkers who can be as plausible as a book advertisement.

### Middle East Epidemic



### Voice of the People

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#### PANS OFFICIALDOM

Dear Sir—I have just reached the Pacific Coast after a trip from Ottawa during which I followed in the footsteps of Their Royal Highnesses, Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip. I remained in most of the principal cities of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia just long enough, and met sufficient persons in trying to do a public relations job (I travelled everywhere by air), that I could reach at least a surface conclusion about the immediate reaction to the Royal Visit.

Everywhere it was the same story: criticism about officialdom monopolizing the attention of the two Royal visitors to such an extent that the general public was lucky to catch a glimpse of the heir to the throne and her consort. If a lieutenant-governor or some other official did not have his face obscuring the view, his wife did. The official car travelled at such speed the thousands who lined the streets—often for hours—would have had as much chance of "getting acquainted" with the appearance of royalty as if their automobile had been jet powered. In their Royal Highnesses on return to England have any criticism about the generosity of applause they should take it to consideration that the average man was not given an opportunity to work up much enthusiasm.

I tell you this because while I was in Edmonton your "open" letter to the Princess was drawn to my attention. I wished you to know that conditions of which you complained were not peculiar to the Alberta capital.

Your letter expressed the opinion of the less articulate subjects of His Majesty.

I admire your courage for saying what should be said. This is not criticism of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip but of the red tape and official desire for cudos which we, as democratic Canadians, had, up to now, thought was at a minimum in our country.

L.H.J.

#### PREFERRED RISKS

Dear Sir—Why doesn't some insurance company in Canada sell auto insurance policies only to non-drinking testototal drivers? The rate for sober drivers should be half that for drunks. Why should I have to pay for drinking driver's accidents?

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#### INFLATION'S TARGET

Dear Sir—Being that wages, taxes and even bus fares and all other living costs are being raised, how about similar raises for distressed veterans and widows? Nearly all government employees get good wages, wage increases and cost-of-living bonus. Well, how about it, Government leaders?

M.A.G. Jr.

Edmonton.

#### SAYS WE'RE RIGHT

Dear Sir—I have just read Mr. Puel's letter to Princess Elizabeth about the Royal tour, and I think the same about it as you do. I read the Legal Record every week and like it fine. I am sure there are a lot more who feel the same about things as you do. I am a veteran, served overseas and know the whole story.

ARTHUR VALLEE.

Legal.

#### REQUEST FROM IOWA

Dear Sir—Would you please send me a copy of your letter to Princess Elizabeth in The Edmonton Sun Oct. 29. I read it in a copy sent to a friend here, and consider it a masterpiece. Although born in Michigan, my parents were Canadians and I guess quite some Canadian blood seeps through my veins.

LENORE L. CONNELLY

Des Moines, Iowa, U.S.A.

#### "BEST EVER"

Dear Sir—I would like to say that Mr. Puel's open letter to Princess Elizabeth is the best piece he has ever written. This letter should have greater circulation than even your own papers can give it.

MRS. RITA HAYS.

Amiak, Alta.

## Spotlight on...

### ALBERTA

A News Section About Alberta People

Week Ending Nov. 24, 1951

## PIONEERS TO COMPIL AN EARLY FAMILY HISTORY OF PROVINCE

Closely linked with the history of Southern Alberta are the names of a host of pioneer families that are gradually fading into oblivion along with the horse and buggy.

These families settled in the West long before railroads made their appearance, when there were as many Indians as there were settlers and none had an inkling of the wealth in natural resources that lay hidden under the rolling prairies. And their names have never been set down in official records.

It's quite likely they never would have been, either, if the Southern Alberta Pioneer and Old Timers Association at the annual meeting a year ago had not decided that something should be done before all chances of obtaining the old timers' records had disappeared.

It was with the idea of evolving a plan to collect this history up to and including the year 1890 that Douglas Hardwick, himself a pioneer, was persuaded to become president of the association for the present year.

With this major objective in mind, a committee was set up

which developed a plan for gathering together this history.

The mechanics of this plan are simple: just one member of each pioneer family must fill out a special questionnaire form and send it to the director of the nearest district. The aforementioned forms may be obtained at the larger post offices in Southern Alberta, local old-timers' associations, or by writing any director.

But the problem of finding relatives and descendants of these pioneer families is the difficult part.

The form is primarily intended in all data prior to and including, 1890 as pertaining to the "pioneer period."

In an effort to gather the records of these pioneer families in Southern Alberta, which district extends from Red Deer south to the U.S. border, a central research committee was formed by the Southern Alberta Pioneer and Old Timers Association, under the chairmanship of Mr. Hardwick. Included in the committee are Miss Mary Pinkham, O.B.E.; J. E. A. MacLeod, K.C.; Alex McTavish; W. J. Wilde, and honorary secretary, Leishman McNeill.

They will be helped by a group of 22 well-known directors, each responsible for a district and for its local organization. Mr. Hardwick wishes it made perfectly clear that the forms, when completed, should be sent to the director of the nearest district, not the nearest director.

The history of each pioneer family will be woven, year by



JUNE ALLYSON introduces her brand new tiny son, Keith Powell. June is now filming "Too Young to Rich" after almost a year's absence from the screen.

year, into the contemporary history of the country. When completed, it is hoped that copies will be placed in local museums, principal colleges and public libraries where they will be easily accessible for reference to present and future generations wishing to know the past connection of their families with the building of their country.

These histories and records will not be used for any commercial purposes whatever, and if ever published will be available to all at cost price.

The committee hopes that all will assist in this voluntary effort to save the fast-disappearing record of the past, and that no pioneer family of Southern Alberta will allow its name and history to be missed by failure to secure and send in a form.

The following are some of the names of the different districts and their directors:

Crossfield — Frank Collicutt, 2-1201 6th St. W., Calgary.  
Cochrane and Stony Reserve — Dave McDougall, Cochrane.  
Strathmore-Brooks — Charles McKinnon, 117 10th Ave. W., Calgary.

Sheep Creek — George Scott, 205 Riverdale Ave., Calgary.  
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The importance of Alberta's forests is the theme of a new illustrated booklet, "Alberta Forests," prepared by the Department of Lands and Forests and the Publicity Branch of the Department of Economic Affairs.

In a forward the Minister of Lands and Forests appeals to all citizens to prevent forest fires and maintain Alberta's forested areas as a source of timber and a home for wild life. "Without our forests, Alberta would be a desert," the minister states.

The booklet has been prepared to give Alberta citizens and school children authentic and accurate information on forestry in Alberta. The conservation policies and practices of the Alberta Forestry Service are outlined and other chapters deal with the economic importance of forests, fire and insect damage and conservation and reforestation.

The last pages deal with the species of trees growing in Alberta and include a map of forest areas. Copies of the booklet may be obtained from the Department of Land and Forests, Administration Building, Edmonton.

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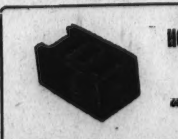
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## DISPOSAL AND USE OF SCREENINGS

By W. S. BACKMAN

Field Supervisor  
M.D. of Kneebill, No. 48

"Storage and Disposal of Screenings" is the heading of a new poster now on display in all grain elevators. It points out the regulations now in force concerning the movement of screenings within the Province of Alberta.

All weed seeds and screenings stored, moved, sold or otherwise disposed of shall be handled in accordance with the provisions of the Noxious Weeds Act. The regulations are as follows:

1. No screenings shall be used as feed for livestock unless fed within an enclosed feed lot approved by a Weed Inspector.
2. A permit to transport screenings must be obtained from a Weed Inspector, Municipal (Field Supervisor or the Field Crops Branch, Edmonton, before screenings can be moved.
3. No screenings shall be moved except in tight containers which will prevent any scatter-

ing of seeds in transit.  
4. Every person who has screenings in his possession or under his control shall keep them in buildings, bin or other containers so constructed that screenings are securely contained therein.

The Field Crops Commissioner, Field Supervisor, or representative of the Field Crops Branch, to whom an application is made, may issue a permit in writing, authorizing the applicant to move or transport screenings in accordance with the terms of the permit. The person issuing the permit must be satisfied that the screenings will be confined during transit in tightly closed containers of a type which will not permit the escape of any of the screenings.

A permit to feed screenings can

only be issued where the screenings are to be fed within an enclosed feed lot. If you are feeding screenings, make sure that they are fed in such a way that they will not get the chance to grow again.

Regulations controlling storage and dispositions of screenings are for the protection of all and owners and operators. In following them closely there will be fewer weeds to pollute the fields and roadsides next summer. Careless handling of weed seeds and screenings has been responsible

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